

REMARKS

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Claims 9, 11, 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Balamuth (U.S. 3,347,463). Claims 12 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Balamuth in view of McKnight et al. (U.S. 6,433,465).

Claim 10 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of the allowability of claims 15 and 16.

In an effort to expedite the prosecution, claim 10 is presented as an independent claim incorporating the subject matter of claim 9, rejected claim 9 having been cancelled. Accordingly, claim 10 is in condition for allowance.

Claims 11-14 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 10 so that these claims are likewise now allowable.

Consequently all the claims remaining in the application, namely claims 10-16 should be allowed and the application passed to issuance.

In view of the above, consideration and allowance are, therefore, respectfully solicited.

In the event the Examiner believes an interview might serve to advance the prosecution of this application in any way, the undersigned attorney is available at the telephone number noted below.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees, or credit any overpayment, associated with this communication, including any extension fees, to CBLH Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 21854-00057-US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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